

operation did not result in the cemeteries operating on a break-even basis, the town officials should raise burial plot fees and/or restrict services to only those within the Planning Area of Kinston.

During this time of increased emphasis on an efficient city government with a minimum amount of cost, Kinston should look very hard at services which year after year show losses in the cost of operation.

Schools

At the beginning of the 1971-72 school year, the Kinston City Schools had an enrollment of 5,120 as compared with the 1970-71 enrollment of 5,370, a decrease of 290. With the recent Supreme Court decision in favor of school bussing to achieve intergration, the neighborhood school concept no longer exists. A result of this decision has been an increase in private school enrollment and the expansion of private school facilities. Also, due to this decision, the City of Kinston must pay the additional expenses for the operation and maintenance of a transportation system to reflect a race balance in each school.

The following table on schools operated by Kinston reflect membership,* staff and site data. Also reflected are private schools which are not operated by the City but must be considered in the total school picture. There is a total of 78.1 acres of

*Membership is defined as being the average number of students in school during a school year.